Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Communicative disorders, including hearing loss, speech impairments and related language deficiencies, constitute our nation's number one handicap, affecting 7,000 people in South Dakota alone and 24 million people nationally; and,

WHEREAS, Most people with such problems can be helped through medical treatment, surgery, hearing aids or appropriate therapy; and,

WHEREAS, The first step toward obtaining help is knowing it is available; and,

WHEREAS, The leading national and regional organizations concerned with hearing, speech, and language problems have joined together in a common desire to promote public awareness through an intensive annual effort; and,

WHEREAS, Such an effort will help encourage and stimulate early detection of communicative disorders, proper prevention and treatment, and greater public understanding of hearing, speech, and language impairments:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1988, as

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to learn more about hearing, speech, and language disorders and to join in the effort to create a more enlightened public attitude and response to this, our nation's most widespread malady.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE